

1 45. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the plurality of
2 program modules are alternative program modules, and wherein the evaluation module is
3 configured to select only one of the plurality of program modules to handle the computer
4 task.

1 46. (New Claim) The program product of claim 30, wherein the intelligent agent
2 is configured to conduct negotiations in an electronic commerce application, and wherein
3 the domain knowledge for each of the plurality of program modules is related to the
4 autonomy delegated thereto.

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1 47. (New Claim) The program product of claim 46, wherein the plurality of
2 program modules includes a semi-autonomous program module, a fully-autonomous
3 program module, and a fully-dependent program module.

1 48. (New Claim) The program product of claim 46, wherein the objective criteria
2 includes a risk that a dispatched agent is subjected to in negotiations.--

Remarks

The above amendments are being made prior to the calculation of filing fees for the above-identified patent application. Moreover, the amendments are not directed to new matter, nor are they being made in response to any art-based rejection.

5 Consideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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